Mosaics of projective planes*

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Finite projective planes



PG(2,2) or symmetric 2-(7,3,1) design

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PG(2,3) or symmetric 2-(13,4,1) design

Picture source: M. T. Mohan, *p-almost Hadamard matrices and λ-planes*, J. Algebraic Combin. 55 (2022), no. 1, 89–108.

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O. W. Gnilke, M. Greferath, M. O. Pavčević, *Mosaics of combinatorial designs*, Des. Codes Cryptogr. **86** (2018), no. 1, 85–95.

Definition.

Let t_i - (v, k_i, λ_i) , i = 1, ..., c be parameters of combinatorial designs, all with v points and b blocks and $\sum_{i=1}^{c} k_i = v$. A mosaic with parameters

$$t_1$$
- $(v, k_1, \lambda_1) \oplus \cdots \oplus t_c$ - (v, k_c, λ_c)

is a $v \times b$ matrix with entries from $\{1, \ldots, c\}$ such that the entries *i* represent incidences of a t_i - (v, k_i, λ_i) design, for $i = 1, \ldots, c$. Here, *c* is the number of colors and the matrix is also called a *c*-mosaic.

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Definition.

A tiling of an additively written group G is a family of pairwise disjoint (v, k, λ) difference sets $\{D_1, \ldots, D_c\}$ such that $D_1 \cup \cdots \cup D_c = G \setminus \{0\}$.



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 $\{x - y \mid x, y \in D, x \neq y\}$ covers each element of $G \setminus \{0\}$ exactly λ times

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Theorem.

The development of a tiling of G with (v, k, λ) difference sets is a mosaic of symmetric designs. It has G as an automorphism group acting regularly on the rows and columns.

Example. A tiling of $\mathbb{Z}_{31} = \{0, \dots, 30\}$ with (31, 6, 1) difference sets:

$$D_1 = \{1, 5, 11, 24, 25, 27\}$$
$$D_2 = \{2, 10, 17, 19, 22, 23\}$$
$$D_3 = \{3, 4, 7, 13, 15, 20\}$$
$$D_4 = \{6, 8, 9, 14, 26, 30\}$$
$$D_5 = \{12, 16, 18, 21, 28, 29\}$$

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https://www.imaginary.org/gallery/difference-bracelets



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Mosaics of projective planes

For which orders q are there mosaics of projective planes?

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q	2	3	4	5	7	8	9	
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Number of incidence matrices for q = 3:

$$\frac{13! \cdot 13!}{|Aut(PG(2,3))|} \approx 6.90452 \cdot 10^{15}$$

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Number of incidence matrices for q = 4:

$$\frac{21! \cdot 21!}{|Aut(PG(2,4))|} \approx 2.15797 \cdot 10^{34}$$

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q	V	Group	#DS	Tiling	Group	#DS	Tiling
2	7	\mathbb{Z}_7	14	\checkmark			
3	13	\mathbb{Z}_{13}	52	×			
4	21	\mathbb{Z}_{21}	42	×	$\mathbb{Z}_3 \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_7$	294	×
5	31	\mathbb{Z}_{31}	310	\checkmark			
7	57	\mathbb{Z}_{57}	684	×	$\mathbb{Z}_3 \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_{19}$	12 996	\checkmark
8	73	\mathbb{Z}_{73}	584	\checkmark			
9	91	\mathbb{Z}_{91}					
11	133	\mathbb{Z}_{133}					
13	183	\mathbb{Z}_{183}			$\mathbb{Z}_3 \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_{61}$		

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8	73	\mathbb{Z}_{73}	584	\checkmark			
9	91	\mathbb{Z}_{91}	1092	×			
11	133	\mathbb{Z}_{133}	4788	×			
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2	7	\mathbb{Z}_7	2	\checkmark			
3	13	\mathbb{Z}_{13}	4	×			
4	21	\mathbb{Z}_{21}	2	×	$\mathbb{Z}_3 \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_7$	294	×
5	31	\mathbb{Z}_{31}	10	\checkmark			
7	57	\mathbb{Z}_{57}	12	×	$\mathbb{Z}_3 \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_{19}$	12 996	\checkmark
8	73	\mathbb{Z}_{73}	8	\checkmark			
9	91	\mathbb{Z}_{91}	12	×			
11	133	\mathbb{Z}_{133}	36	×			
13	183	\mathbb{Z}_{183}	40	×	$\mathbb{Z}_3 \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_{61}$	446 520	?

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Tiling cyclic groups with Singer difference sets

q	v	Group	#NDS	Tiling
16	273	\mathbb{Z}_{273}	12	×
17	307	\mathbb{Z}_{307}	102	×
19	381	\mathbb{Z}_{381}	84	×
23	553	\mathbb{Z}_{553}	156	×
25	651	\mathbb{Z}_{651}	60	×
27	757	\mathbb{Z}_{757}	84	×
29	871	\mathbb{Z}_{871}	264	×
31	993	\mathbb{Z}_{993}	220	×
32	1057	\mathbb{Z}_{1057}	60	×
37	1407	\mathbb{Z}_{1407}	264	×
41	1723	\mathbb{Z}_{1723}	574	×
43	1893	\mathbb{Z}_{1893}	420	×
47	2257	\mathbb{Z}_{2257}	720	×
49	2451	\mathbb{Z}_{2451}	252	×
53	2863	\mathbb{Z}_{2863}	816	×
59	3541	\mathbb{Z}_{3541}	1180	?

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Thanks for your attention!

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Image: A matrix